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Health Authority administering preventative measures to address flu

(Miramichi) As a preventative measure, the Miramichi Regional Health Authority is asking the public to assist them by not visiting the Miramichi Regional Hospital if they have flu-like symptoms. These symptoms include general aches and pains, sore throat, runny nose, cough, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. The flu is an extremely contagious disease and the health authority is taking this step in an effort to protect its staff and patients.

Patients presenting to the Miramichi Regional Hospital's emergency department and other Miramichi Regional Health Authority facilities with flu-like symptoms will be asked to use an alcohol hand-rinse to wash their hands. Those presenting with a cough and fever will be asked to voluntarily put on a mask.

Signage reminding the public about not visiting when experiencing these symptoms is posted throughout the facility. The public is thanked in advance for their cooperation in this matter.

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